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Via ECFS Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary Federal Communications Commission 445 12th Street, S.W. Washington, D.C. 20554

## Re: In the Matter of Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to 47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1

Dear FCC members,

I'm a simple user. I just need the internet and a phone. I think they call this "naked DSL". I don't need bundled TV, satellite, cell coverage or the myriad of other options ATT, Verizon & Comcast want me to buy. These providers tell me that I can get phone and DSL, but I'd also be paying for services I don't use. I don't even own a TV.

It's kind of like your staff requesting the transcript for your last meeting, but being told you had to get every other government organizations transcripts too. Of course, someone would try to convince you it was a great package.

As a result, I rely on a local provider for my DSL. The problem is my local provider (Sonic.Net) relies on AT&T. It now seems that ATT has petitioned your organization to unbundle the last mile of copper and intercity fiber. This access has allowed Sonic continue to serve me and build out their network.

I worry that if their access (and other local providers across US) is removed, we'll have even less competition. I will have no choice but to pay a much higher rate for the same services.

I remember when I first got internet access, there were plenty of providers. Just as there used to be plenty of phone companies. I'm sure you remember too.

It seems as I get older, those numbers and choices have dwindled. Please don't compound the problem by letting AT&T restrict access and competition.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

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